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***Carson Secures \$1.1 Million for Claremore Regional Airport
Funding to Expand Runway and Taxiway***

Washington, D.C. --

Second District Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) has secured a \$1.1 million for the Claremore Regional Airport from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Funding will be used to extend the runway by 1200 feet and for the construction of a parallel taxiway. The improvements will allow for increased corporate aircraft usage.

Congressman Carson worked closely with Claremore Mayor Jim Cochran and Vice Mayor Chad Choate in obtaining this funding. In a letter to the FAA in April, Congressman Carson urged funding for the project and called the construction a "vital part of the airport improvement plans to continue to better serve the industrial community in the City of Claremore and Rogers County area."

"This is a significant award to Claremore," Congressman Carson said. "Mayor Cochran, the Claremore Municipal Airport Authority, and the Claremore Industrial and Development Authority developed a strong proposal to expand economic development opportunities for Claremore and Rogers County, and I am pleased we were able to work together and demonstrate to the FAA the merits of this project."

"In the last ten years, Rogers County and Claremore have experienced phenomenal growth, in part because of the economic opportunities our county possess. Our county is very fortunate to have the Port of Catoosa, the Claremore Industrial Park, and numerous other industrial properties near or adjacent to the airport. With Rogers State University continued academic expansion and increased community involvement, as well as other economic development initiatives underway, this airport improvement project will be another benefit to the vitality of the region."

Congressman Carson is a member of the House Transportation Committee and the Subcommittee for Aviation, which has jurisdiction over the Federal Aviation Administration. As a member of these committees, Congressman Carson has used his

position to improve regional airports in his district to expand economic opportunities for Eastern Oklahomans.

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